GOVERNMENT OF ANDHRA PRADESH
ABSTRACT

AHDD&F Department – State Development and Welfare schemes sanctioned in the Annual Budget 2020-21 – Operative Guidelines for grounding the Schemes – approved - Orders – Issued.

ANIMAL HUSBANDRY, DAIRY DEVELOPMENT AND FISHERIES (FISH) DEPARTMENT

G.O.RT.No. 149 Dated: 08-09-2020

Read:

From the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Vijayawada, Lr.No.30/B/2020, Dt: 21.07.2020.

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O R D E R:-

Government after careful examination of the proposal of the Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P. Vijayawada in the reference read above, hereby approve the Operative guidelines for the following schemes under Fisheries Development Schemes (HoA: 2405-00-800-11-25-310-312) in the Budget 2020-21. The Operative Guidelines are appended as Annexure to this order.

Sl.No.	Name of the Scheme
1	Training and Extension
2	Revolving Fund for MMGs
3	Enhancement of production, productivity of Inland Water Bodies
4	Matching State Share for GoI Schemes
5	EX-gratia Payments to the deceased fishermen families for accidental death while fishing.

2. The Commissioner of Fisheries, A.P., Vijayawada shall take necessary action in the matter accordingly.

(BY ORDER AND IN THE NAME OF THE GOVERNOR OF ANDHRA PRADESH)

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Annexure

(Annexed to G.O. Rt. No.149 Dated: 08 .09.2020 of AH, DD and Fisheries (Fish) Department)

I. Operational Guidelines for Fisheries Development Scheme

A) Training and Extension:

i) Introduction:

Andhra Pradesh ranks first in the country in fish and / prawn production. The production for the year 2019-20 is 41.75 lakh tons. However, the aquaculture sector is plagued by disease problem, low productivity and production. The capture fishery is also suffering from low fishing effort and reduction of catch. Therefore, there is a need to strengthen the skills of the Departmental Officers, aqua farmers, fishermen, Technocrats and other stakeholders. Further, it is essential to promote diversification, publicity on innovative practices, awareness on latest technologies, participation in exhibitions to update the knowledge and skills. The Training Institutes of Fisheries Department namely, IFTCs, and SIFT will impart stipendiary training courses to students. Hence for payment of stipend also this scheme is proposed.

ii) Objectives:

- To promote capacity building to Fish farmers, Departmental Officers and fishermen on latest advancements in Fisheries sector.
- To pay stipends to the trainees in IFTCs and SIFT, Honororarium to MPFEAs
- To Strengthen the existing skills (up skilling) and also to promote new skills (reskilling) in the latest Technologies.
- To improve the extension services delivery of Departmental Officers

iii) Pattern of Assistance:

- 100% grant in case of stipends for trainees of IFTCs, SIFT, honorarium of MPFEAs and for other training purpose as per the rules.

iv) Activities/ Components permissible under the scheme

- Training and capacity building activities
- Stipends to Trainees of IFTCs and SIFT
- Honorarium to MPFEAs
- Stalls in Exhibitions
- Demo units and Training aids.
- Up-skilling and Re-skilling activities to stakeholders.

v) Mode of implementation:

- The Principal, SIFT, Kakinada shall monitor and obtain the physical and financial progress of the funds sanctioned and released to the districts and consolidate the reports and submit to the head office every month in the 1stweek.

- The DFOs shall submit UCs along with list of items for which the funds are utilized to head office on quarterly basis.

B) Revolving Fund for MMGs

i) Introduction:

Revolving fund will be provided to Matsya Mitra Groups (MMGs) / Fisherwomen Cooperative Societies (FWCSs) as working capital for carrying out activities like ornamental fishery , crab culture , aquaculture activity like sea weed culture , fresh and dry fish vending marketing etc.,. It enables them to earn assured monthly income to the fisherwomen and also availability of fish to consumers to enhance more domestic fish consumption. This amount provided to members of MMGs/ FWCSs as loan and in turn utilised as revolving fund to lend to the other members of the Group/ Society. The group has to utilize amount as revolving fund and generate the corpus to the group and society. This revolving fund should be tied up with MUDRA loans PMMSY loan being sanctioned by Department subsidy and the Banks to the Groups.

ii) Objectives:

1. To provide working capital to fisherwomen groups for carrying out fish related activities with reasonable rate of interest.
2. To develop self-sustainable working MMGs
3. To improve fish related activities fisherwomen groups and reduce the high interest loans from private financers.
4. To improve socio economic status of the fisherwomen families and empower the women

iii) Unit Cost and Pattern of Assistance:

1. Components : working capital for Fish vending/ marketing women
2. Unit Cost : Rs. 0.50 lakh per group
3. Subsidy : 100% grant to Society/MMG and to be utilized as revolving fund among the members of the group.

iv) Eligibility Criteria:

1. Preference be given to the group which is presently engaged in productive activity like ornamental fishery, crab culture , aquaculture activity like sea weed culture , active fishing trade etc.,
2. The society/ group should maintain up to date records and complete audit for last financial year.
3. Groups formed in Society which are six months old and having regular savings, meetings, internal lending and book keeping.
4. Order of seniority of the MMG/ FWCS shall be given priority in extending benfit.

v) Documents to be enclosed:

1. Prescribed application along with Society resolution.
2. Minimum two years audit reports from the last financial year of the parent FCS
3. Statement of financial requirement for MMGs in the society.

vi) Mode of Implementation:

- The beneficiaries shall be identified by the Village Fisheries Assistant with the help of Village Volunteer at Village secretariat level and the VFA shall submit the beneficiaries list along with duly filled application to the immediate Superior field level Officer (FDO/ AIF)
- The FDO/AIF should scrutinize details of the beneficiaries list and collect the applications along with necessary enclosures including Aadhar No. , Mobile No. and Bank Ac. No. and if eligible then recommends to District Fisheries Officer (DFO) through Divisional Fishery Officer
- The Divisional Officer should cross check the applications and certify the correctness and furnish the application to DFO
- The DFO shall get the approval of the beneficiaries list from the District Collector.
- The DFO/ Divisional Officer should verify the details of the applications and get the approval of the District Collector.
- The society has to produce monthly financial statements on women activity and DCB statements to concern fishery officer for every quarter.
- The DFO should maintain the book of records along with photographs/ videos of distribution for producing for verification by the higher authorities
- DFO has to maintain separate accounts for different schemes for audit purpose.
- The beneficiaries should produce the assets procured under the scheme on demand by the Department Officers or any authorized person.
- The DFO should submit monthly progress report. He should also submit U.C within one month of grounding the scheme.

C) Operational guidelines for "Enhancement of production, productivity of Inland Water Bodies".

I. Introduction:

Fisheries Sector in the A.P State is endowed with vast and diversified fisheries resources. However, the realization of optimum Fish production and productivity of public water bodies and reservoirs depend on the timely stocking of adequate number of quality fingerlings on time i.e. as soon as the water bodies receives water in the season. The main focus of this scheme is for seed production in the Government Fish Seed Farms and stocking in inland licensed potential public water bodies.

II. Objectives:-

- To produce seed in the Government Fish Seed Farms in the state
- To stock fingerlings in the inland public water bodies under licensed.

- Enhance of productivity and production in the public water bodies.
- Sustain and improve the livelihood of the licensed fishermen.
- Maintenance of Govt. fish seed farms.

III. Pattern of Assistance:

- The seed cost for production of spawn, fry, fingerlings in Govt. FSF by the technical committee constituted by the Commissioner of Fisheries.
- 100% assistance to the seed produced and for stocking in the public water bodies under individual fishing license.

IV. Activities / components/ Items eligible for incurring expenditure:-

- Procurement of deficit number of spawn / fry from suppliers of private hatcheries seed as per rates finalized by the technical committee constituted by the Commissioner of Fisheries
- To incur expenditure on for production fish seed in Govt Fish Seed Farms
- To procure the fish feed and feed supplements and other inputs required for seed production/ rearing and harvesting for stocking in the inland licensed potential public water bodies
- To incur on wages for fishers engaged in the farms during seed production season.
- To incur expenditure for payment of lease to private ponds taken on lease for production of Fingerling.
- For maintenance of the fish seed farm and small repairs such as lying of pipe lines, engine repairs etc. for smooth functioning of the fish seed farm (civil works are not allowed under this scheme)
- For seed stocking in the inland licensed potential public water bodies which are reared and produced in the Govt. Fish Seed Farms.

V. Mode of Implementation:-

1. The public water bodies data for fish seed stocking shall be identified by the Village Fisheries Assistant with the help of Village Volunteer at Village secretariat level and the VFA shall submit the Public water bodies data list to the immediate superior field level Officer (FDO/AIF).
2. The unit officer FDO/ AIF should collect the data and recommends to the District Fisheries Officer.
3. The Commissioner of Fisheries is authorized to issue orders from time to time for incurring the expenditure for production of fish seed in Government fish seed farms in the state.
4. The Commissioner of Fisheries is also authorized to issue orders from time to time for incurring the expenditure on procurement of the spawn, Fry, fingerlings from private seed producers or taking up the rearing and production of seed in the Govt farms, private farm ponds, seed rearing nurseries and captive seed rearing fish ponds constructed adjacent to the village tanks under MGNREGA etc on lease for seed rearing.

5. The synergy required in seed stocking of the public water bodies shall also be taken up by involving TATA TRUST / any other NGO / other Govt agencies.

D) Operational guidelines for "Contribution of Matching Fisheries Department Share".

I. Introduction:

This scheme is meant for contributing State Fisheries Department share for the funds available under the schemes sanctioned under NFDB, CSS- Blue revolution/ PMMSY, TIES, SDP, FIDF and other GoI sponsored schemes, convergence in MGNREGS, Promotion of Ornamental Fisheries etc., for implementing various beneficiary oriented and infrastructure projects with the Government of India matching share. The budget allocated under this scheme is to be released various schemes by Commissioner of Fisheries by issue of sanction orders on case to basis as per local requirement and as per nature of the scheme..

Guidelines for matching departmental share:

List of schemes for which the quantum of Matching Departmental share is to be sanctioned and released by Commissioner of Fisheries:-

- Under Government of India CSS- Blue Revolution/ PMMSY and NFDB funded programmes /schemes, for all CSS – Blue Revolution schemes/ PMMSY, the Government of India subsidy is ranging from 24% (General - Category) to 36% (SC/ST - Category) of the unit cost depending upon the category of beneficiary. Where as previously in State Development schemes, the subsidy limit proposed is 75% of the unit cost for General Category and 90% for SCs/STs . Hence, the Commissioner of Fisheries is authorized to sanction and release matching Fisheries department share to fill the gap between earlier Government of India Schemes/ NFDB share and the 75% /90% of the unit cost so as to make the subsidy component 75%/90% of the unit cost. The Commissioner of Fisheries is authorized to decide the schemes on case to case basis to sanction and release the matching departmental share to the Government of India schemes including aspirational district programme.
- With regard to sanction and release of funds for schemes under convergence with MGNREGS like construction of fish ponds, schemes implemented by and for Department like seed rearing ponds, for construction fish markets in local bodies etc., the Commissioner of Fisheries is authorized decide the quantum of funds to be sanctioned and released.

E) EX-gratia Payments to the deceased fishermen families for accidental death while fishing.(G.O.Ms.No.15 dated.20.03.2020 of AH,DD& Fisheries (Fish) Department).

I. Introduction: The fishers eke out their livelihood through fishing in Marine/ Fresh water bodies. Unlike terrestrial activities, the fishing activity in coastal waters and inland water bodies involves high risk of lives and

fishing assets. This risk factor is more during natural calamities and the victim families strive for their subsistence in the event of accidental deaths of family head/ earning member. Hence, to assist the victim families during accidental deaths and incidents of permanent disabilities with Ex-gratia for their livelihood.

II. Objectives:.

i) To pay compensation to victims/ victim families in the event of accidental death/ Permanent disability during fishing in Sea/fresh water bodies
ii) To provide sustenance to victims/ victim families for their livelihood
iii) To provide social security to victimised families

III. Pattern of Assistance:

1) Payment of ex-gratiaa of Rs. 5.00 lakhs from the Fisheries Department funds under YSR Matsyakara Bharosa as per the approved guidelines irrespective of settlement of insurance claim of Rs. 5.00 lakhs payable y the Labour Department and irrespective of enrollment of the names of the deceased fishermen/women in Prajasadikara Survey.

IV. Eligibility Criteria:

1) A fisherman who has admission in a registered Fishermen Co-operative Society.
2) A fisherman who possesses valid individual fishing license for fishing in reservoirs/rivers/canals etc.
3) A marine fisherman who possesses the valid Biometric ID card.
4) A marine fisherman covered under marine fishing ban period relief assistance.
5) All types of fishing boat owners.

V. Documents required for processing payment of Ex-gratia Rs. 5.00 lakh Active coastal Fishers/ inland fishers having age group of 18-60 years.

a) Application form (Claim form)
b) Fisheries Department enquiry report
c) Sava panchanama report (Inquest report)
d) First Information Report (F.I.R)
e) Post Mortem report (RFLR Not Mandatory)
f) Death Certificate
g) Family member Certificate & NoC from other family members.
h) Three men committee report only in case of missing fishers.
i) Aadhar & Bank account details of the legal heir.

VI. Claim process and Payment.

1) The Village Fisheries Assistant shall register the details of eligible cases and enter the details in the registers at the Village/Ward Secretariat/ Rythu Bharosa Kendralu.

2) Concerned AIF/FDO shall conduct enquiry on the incident of accidental death, while fishing and communicate the report to the Village/Ward Secretariat and the District Fisheries Officer.

3) The Village Fisheries Assistant and AIF/FDO concerned shall facilitate the deceased fishermen families for obtaining certificates/documents required for processing the ex-gratia claim.

4) On receipt of all the required documents, the VFA will initiate the claim process online, duly enclosing required documents.
5) Routing of ex-gratia claim for sanction:

VFA → AIF/FDO → ADF/DDF → DFO → COF

6) The Commissioner of Fisheries shall examine the proposals and issue sanction orders for payment through Direct benefit transfer (DBT)

Insurance :-

On par with the other communities, beneficiaries covered under YSR Bima, ie., unorganized sector worker, all types of death claims of fishermen/women will be processed by District Rural Development Agency (DRDA) – Velugu and payment of Rs. 5.00 lakhs towards YSR Insurance will be made by the Labour Department.

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